

EDITORIAL

the war, was the one Southern State whose capital had not been captured by the enemy.

The sentiment behind the placing of monuments to the Confederate dead and to mark the scene of Confederate battles is a good one. It is the same sentiment that prompts our brothers in the North to erect monuments to Union soldiers.

It is the respect that one generation pays to another for an exhibition of devotion to duty. It is up-lifting. It is ennobling. It elevates the mind and does honor to the heart.

By all means, then, let us have the Olustee monument, but it strikes me that it would be an absurdity to place it FOURTEEN MILES WEST of the scene of that battle.

Why not go a little further west and place it at Live Oak; or go south and put it at Gainesville, or east and put it at Jacksonville, and if we have to box the compass in finding places where the monument MIGHT BE PUT, we can veer around to the north and go twenty-eight or thirty miles and PLACE IT ACROSS THE LINE INTO GEORGIA.

Why should there be any more reason to put fourteen miles west of the scene of the battle than forty-nine miles north?

Mr. Cobb, the member from Baker County, has entered his vigorous protest against this piece of foolishness.

Mr. Cobb has done right. He should protest, and there should not be even a member of the House who would refuse to listen to Mr. Cobb and vote with him and prevent this absurdity being pulled off.

I do not know when the bill comes up, but what does every member of the House should vote with Mr. Cobb to put the Olustee monument at Olustee.

Where else on earth should it be put?

TO PAY FOR PROPERTY DESTROYED

Payment for property destroyed by order of the State Board of Health was the cause of considerable argument in the Senate yesterday morning, but in spite of opposition, the bill passed, twelve voting against it and thirteen voting for its passage.

Senator Buckman declared that there was no reason for the payment of property destroyed under such order, no more so that if such destruction be caused by other calamity. He pointed out the burden that would have to be assumed by the State in case of epidemic while Senator Girardeau thought that one clause in the bill relating to payments for killing of glandered hoes set too short a limit.

To the objections thus raised Senator Canoy said: "The gentleman from the eighteenth objects to the State paying for horses that it orders killed, but he wants to give \$570,000 for schools, and the gentleman from the twenty-second got a relief bill through a short time ago, providing for the payment of a horse killed by order of the State Board of Health, and now he objects to this bill."

CARTER'S ELECTION BILL PASSES HOUSE.

The House yesterday passed by a unanimous vote of fifty-two the election bill offered by Mr. Carter of Alachua, providing for the number and election of committees of executive or standing committees of political parties holding primary elections under the laws of the State and to define their powers in relation to the use of proxies and hearing contests. Mr. Watson withdrew his primary election bill in favor of this one, stating that he heartily indorsed Mr. Carter's bill.

OLUSTEE MONUMENT BILL RECOMMENDED.

The bill by Mr. Cobb of Baker for an appropriation to mark the battlefield of Olustee was recommended yesterday afternoon after some discussion. There appeared some misunderstanding as to the purpose of the bill, and it was determined that the committee was in better place to settle the difference whether the monument was to be on the battlefield at Olustee, at Olustee, the town, or in the Olustee Park at Lake City.

"Tell me, doctor," asked the ambitious young disciple of Galen eagerly, "what was the most dangerous case you ever had?" "In confidence, now that I am about to retire from practice," answered the veteran physician frankly, "I will confess that it was my medicine case."—Puck.

"Our surgery is not different from vegetable surgery. For recreation I hybridize hickories," writes Dr. Robert T. Morris in the Medical Record. "It became necessary to find an expert grafter. High and low, all over the country search was made. Horticulturists all said the same thing, 'Hickories cannot be grafted. Millions of dollars a year would come to us if we could do that grafting.' Finally I found a man in Massachusetts who could catch 25 per cent of hickory grafts and a man in Texas who could catch 90 per cent of them. Both said that there was no trick about it at all. Nothing was needed but quick, neat work. Surgeons have to face precisely the same situation. A few will do with ease what most others say cannot be done at all. I have no confidence in any man who does not believe that his own country excels in everything, no matter in what country of the world he lives. From that standpoint of patriotism I want to believe, and I want the belief to be fully justified, that America has the very best, the most competent, surgeons in the whole wide world."

Indian Hemp and Catalepsy. A single grain of the resin of Indian hemp will produce catalepsy in a man. A few hours are required for the effects to reach a climax, when his limbs may be placed in almost any position without difficulty, and when once placed they remain in the given position indefinitely, although the natural influence of gravity would cause them to fall. During the catalepsy the body is usually insensible to all impressions.

Not Real Bad Luck. "No this is the opinion Mr. Poorley gave you?" said Miss Bright, examining it critically. "Are you—er—pleased with it?"

"Oh, yes," replied Miss Dumley, "but you know the old superstition about opals. I'm afraid it'll bring me bad luck."

"But—er—this can't bring you anything worse than an imitation of bad luck."—Philadelphia Press.

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